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Note by the Secretariat

1. The present note is submitted pursuant to article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,[1] which states that the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women shall, through the Economic and Social Council, report annually to the General Assembly on its activities.

2. A note by the Secretariat on the results of the fifty-first, fifty-second and fifty-third sessions of the Committee (E/CN.6/2013/CRP.1) is available in all of the official languages of the United Nations from the website of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (www.ohchr.org). The report of the Committee on its fifty-second, fifty-third and fifty-fourth sessions[2] will be submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session in all of the official languages of the United Nations.

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* See E/2013/1.

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1249, No. 20378.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 38* (A/68/38).

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Note verbale dated 16 May 2013 from the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to inform him about the decision of the Government of the Czech Republic to become a member of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The Czech Republic is fully committed to the aims of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The Czech Republic is a party to the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 1951 and the Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees of 1967. The Czech Republic is a Standing Committee observer.

The Czech Republic is dedicated to the improvement of the situation of refugees through international and regional cooperation, as well as cooperation at the national level. The Czech Republic has demonstrated a strong interest in and devotion to the solution of the problems of refugees, internally displaced persons and stateless persons both internationally and nationally.

The Czech Republic is ready to cooperate fully with all members of the Executive Committee in order to find constructive solutions to the challenges facing the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

To this end, the Government of the Czech Republic hopes that the Economic and Social Council will give favourable consideration to this request and make a recommendation to the General Assembly to enlarge the membership of the Executive Committee.

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